

METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPEN-KNIT FABRIC WITH MACHINES  
FOR KNITTING HOSIERY OR OTHER ARTICLES, AND OPEN-KNIT  
ARTICLE OBTAINED WITH THE METHOD

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5       A method for producing open-knit fabric with machines for knitting  
hosiery or other articles and an open-knit article obtained with the method.  
The method consists in producing in succession rows of knitting (A,B,C) by  
means of a plurality of needles (1,2), with openwork being performed which  
is constituted by holes, each of which is provided by means of a group of  
10 needles (1,2) in which a first needle (1), after taking part in the formation of  
a first row (A) of knitting, is freed from the loop (1a) of the first row (A) of  
knitting by transferring the loop to a second needle (2) that is contiguous to  
the first needle (1). The first needle (1) is actuated so as to resume knitting,  
forming a new loop (1b) of a row (B) of knitting that is subsequent to the  
15 first row (A). It is optionally possible to gradually free a plurality of needles,  
by transferring the corresponding loop to a contiguous needle, and/or to  
vary the number of rows of knitting after which the needles freed from the  
related loop resume knitting, and/or to varying the stitch that is produced by  
these needles when knitting resumes, so as to vary the dimensions and/or  
20 shape of the holes that constitute the openwork.

(Figure 1)